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Trials of a Canvasser.

A letter from a member of the student body to one of his professors telling some of the experiences of the summer vacation.

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Prof. Jones, Newberg, Ore.,

Dear Sir:—Sometime this summer I promised to write to you and let you know how I was behaving myself and I guess if I keep my word I'll have to get busy pretty quick. The reason I have not fulfilled my promise before is not because I had forgotten it or wished to evade it, but because I realized my inability to write anything that would be of interest to you. However I've decided to write anyway, and if there are any bad results it will at least teach you to be careful of whom you extract promises from in the future.

Although I thought myself completely weaned from canvassing by past experiences, I found that like many other bad habits it was pretty hard to break away from and when a magazine proposition was laid before me by one of those silver tongued orators of the front door I fell an easy victim. The magazine in this instance was "Western Life," a new monthly published at Portland by the W. R. Taylor Co. The proposition is this. Mr. Taylor gives me a letter of introduction to the president of the commercial club of whatever town he wishes canvassed, offering them a two-page illustrated writeup of the town providing the commercial club will give me a letter of introduction to the citizens stating the proposition and asking their support. Then reinforced by

this letter I am supposed to go out with a copy of the magazine and solicit subscriptions.

Now I think you'll admit that this looks pretty good on paper and so it sounded to me. It was pictured to me in such bright colors that I supposed, after getting my letters of introduction, etc., all I would have to do was to sit down in some cool hotel office and prepare for the rush. It took no imagination at all to see the people come flocking in, eager to get a glimpse of the magazine and begging me to sign them up for three or four yearly subscriptions.

Well, the first town I struck outside of Portland was Hood River. Hood River, you know, is the town that made apples famous (it wouldn't do to put it the other way) and every one there is supposed to be loaded down with money. I was to relieve them of their burden.

The president of the commercial club happened to be one of the big men of the town and was too busy to talk to me. The vice-president, a bank cashier, was likewise very busy and turned me over to the secretary. He proved to be a newspaper man and had his own ideas regarding advertising which I failed to change. However, not wishing to turn me down completely, he gave me a letter which wound up something like this: "We consider this a good proposition for the advertisement of Hood River providing you feel justified in subscribing to the magazine." My enthusiasm had been cooling off gradually and on reading this the thermometer must have registered pretty close to zero. I had been keyed up pretty high though and still had something to draw on so I started up the main street. Well Professor, you'd be surprised to learn how many write-ups that town had had, how many barn-fulls of maga-

zines those business men had that they never had time to read, how hard the times were and how fast everybody was going into debt. I was knocked about on all sides and used so roughly that I finally hunted up some old friends I happened to have in town and spent the rest of the day talking over old times. The next day I determined to try a new plan. Avoiding the main thoroughfares and working the side streets and alleys I succeeded in making fair wages. Well to make a long story short I finished Hood River, worked White Salmon, The Dalles and Goldendale, and turned my face toward Portland again with the hope that the boss would conclude I had done well enough for that summer and let me off, but I've come to the conclusion that editors have no mercy. I was sent up the "West Side" as far as Newport and then up here in Washington where I have about four days work left.

Canvassing has its attractions all right. You get to see the country, come in contact with different kinds of people etc., but its mighty lonely for a person that doesn't care to take part in the amusements prepared for him. Earlier in the season I worked in the evening after supper to kill time, but the days are too short now and I spend most of the time hanging around the hotel.

Newberg is certainly a model town compared to some of these up here. I shall be glad when school opens and am making plans for a busy year. It will probably be busy whether I plan it so or not but you know a person likes to think they're having things the way they want them.

Hoping this will you will find you all enjoying life in its fullest extent, I am, very sincerely yours.

The Gearhart Conference.

One of the most interesting events of the vacation was the Conference of the Young Men's Christian Associations held at Gearhart, Oregon. At this gathering were one hundred and ten delegates representing nineteen colleges and six city associations of the Northwest.

The forenoons were spent in Bible study, institute work and platform addresses. The courses given in the Bible classes were, Life of Christ, The Acts and Epistles, and Leaders of Israel, attention being given to methods of presentation as well as the scriptural teachings. In the institutes, problems which confront every association were thoroughly discussed, each department such as Bible Study, Finance, Membership and Mission Study receiving special consideration.

The platform addresses were by speakers who had the best interests of the men at heart and the subjects presented were those that count for Christian character.

Upon Sunset Crest overlooking the broad Pacific were presented life work problems at the evening hours. Here as the sun was sinking behind the clouds and amid the continued resounding of the breakers many of the men consecrated their whole lives and talents to the Master's service.

The afternoons were spent in base ball, field meets, hikes and bathing.

Aside from local secretaries some of the speakers were Fred B. Smith, International Evangelist; H. F. Henderson, secretary for the state of California; Walter T. Davis, missionary to Africa; Rev. Wm. H. Faulks, of Portland; Rev. John M. Dean, of Seattle; Fletcher S. Brockman, of China; and T. B. Penfield, International

Secretary of Theological Institutions. After ten days of pleasure and study the 1907 Conference came to a close, being pronounced the best yet held in the Northwest.

The Formal Opening.

The opening exercises of Pacific College were held in the chapel at 10 a. m., Sept. 25. A large number of students and friends of the institution assembled and enjoyed an excellent program.

A piano solo was beautifully rendered by Mrs. C. B. Wilson, after which Pres. Kelsey gave a short but masterly address on the advantages of Newberg as a college town. Pres. Kelsey inspires the confidence of all who know him, from the first. We have learned not to judge a man's intellect and executive ability by his stature, for the way Pres. Kelsey is taking hold of the work and making things go, assures us that he is the man to fill the president's chair.

According to the former custom, the new members of the faculty were formally introduced to the audience and short speeches were heard from each member of the faculty. Inspired by the unusual number of new students, Prof. Douglas volunteered to bake a cake for any one who should seriously suffer the pangs of homesickness. We are glad to notice, however, that no cakes are being baked for them, and the stoical indifference which many of the new students assume toward their homes does not indicate that they are addicted to homesickness.

It is gratifying to see the preparatory department well filled with bright, promising students; and we are confident that these students will lift the standard of Pacific College higher than ever before in all kinds of college activities, when their turn comes to shoulder the burden of the college life.

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With this issue, we again take up the year's work in editing the college paper. The Crescent in the past has stood for the best in college and we intend to uphold the same standard in the future.

Formerly the Crescent was a society organ and the support fell upon its members alone; but now as a student body publication, every student should lend his assistance. It must be so if this paper correctly reflect the different phases of college life.

Do not leave the entire work in the hands of the staff alone. They are only chosen as representatives of the different college activities. To edit this paper successfully they must have the aid of every student. You have other duties toward your paper than simply read-

ing it when it comes. A little assistance from each one will make a publication of which Pacific may be proud, and better report her activities.

In bygone days when critics were in vogue and faculty advisers ruled in literary societies, there was much criticism concerning literary preparation. Some of the same might be applied to our chapel exercises, which to both faculty and students have become somewhat of a formality, and in which both alike should show greater enthusiasm.

Y. W. C. A. Conference.

The conference of the Young Women's Christian Association of the Pacific Northwest held at Seaside from Aug. 31 to Sept. 10 was in every way a marked success.

Delegations were present from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Beginning at nine o'clock in the morning the hours of each day were filled with helpful talks by some secretary concerning the various branches of association work, and with mission and Bible study classes. The afternoons were made enjoyable by a dip in the surf, by a drive on the beach, by receptions in the dell, or by visiting points of interest about Seaside. Meetings were held each evening at which time Dr. Vance of Newark, New Jersey gave a splendid series of addresses.

Some of the most helpful meetings were just before the retiring hour, when the girls met in delegations, with some favorite leader and had heart to heart talks about the happenings of the day.

Among the speakers and leaders of the conference were Miss Helen S. Barne and Miss Mary F. Dunn, national secretaries, Dr. Brooks of Oakland, Cal., Dr. La-flemme of India, Miss Francis Gage, state secretary of Oregon, Miss Constance McCorkle, secretary of Portland Y. W. C. A., and Mrs. Frank Black of Seattle.

The help and inspiration gained from such a conference can scarcely be estimated. In no other way can so many girls from different institutions get so close to each other and to God.

The girls who attended this conference, realize as never before the greatness of the association work, and have returned to their homes with the determination to make their lives greater in service and to broaden the influence of the association. L. M. S. '08.

Locals.

Roy Fitch returned to school bringing with him Miss Covington, Miss Edwards, Miss Smith and Miss Bailey.

Prof. Carrick took Henry Russell for the subject of his first chapel talk. He gave a short biography of the celebrated composer and sang several of his selections.

Lena Spangle and Alice Hayes are rooming together this winter. They declare Lena is going to choose "The Simple Annals of the Poor" and Alice "The Morals of Cookery" for oration subject.

Prof. Jones got somewhat mixed in Latin class and explained a young man was "jolted" instead of jilted.

The required oration subjects were handed in October 28 and the student body is now burning midnight oil in preparing their subjects.

Mr. Brown, secretary of the Prohibition League, visited chapel October 8th. He spent the day among the students working in the interests of prohibition and desires to organize a class to take up the work of the prohibition league.

October 16th Rev. Hamilton conducted the chapel exercises. He is the only pastor in the city that has visited chapel this year.

Prof. Crumly is getting blood thirsty. In giving out subjects in history he told Harry Maxfield to take the life of John Huss.

September 27 Mrs. Broad visited chapel and spoke of her travels abroad in the interests of the W. C. T. U.

Tuesday, September 30th, chapel hour changed from 9 o'clock to 9:30 to accommodate students going back and forth on the train. School calls in the morning at 8:45.

Mr. Lyman, traveling secretary of the Y. M. C. A., visited chapel and conducted devotional exercises October 8.

At the meeting the basket ball league held in Salem, October 17, the league season was outlined for this year. The indications point to a more successful year than last. The league was divided and under the schedule we will meet M. A. A. C. and Portland Y. M. C. A., on our floor early in January. Pacific will not meet Dallas or the Salem fives in league contests this winter.

Perry Macy, '07, has been appointed assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Pocatello, Idaho.

E. H. Woodward, a faithful worker for our college, went East recently in the interest of the endowment

fund and attended the Five Years Meeting in Indiana in that cause.

Walter Spaulding and Chester Hodson are numbered with the students in the law department of Ann Arbor this year. Although they were stars in the basket ball team of P. C. they are extremely humiliated. Freshmen are not allowed to enter athletics. However they were permitted a place in the class rush. After striving hard to protect themselves, two against five, they were overpowered by a reinforcement of Sophomores who succeeded in ducking them. The rush lasted several days but the Freshmen were at last victorious. This fact is especially joyous to the Freshmen for it is the first rush won by that class in several years.

Many a person (after they have gotten old enough to give chapel talks) looks back upon the years that are past and sees wherein he might have bettered his position in life had he but taken the advice that came to him without asking. And so we hear morning after morning of our wonderful "opportunities." We know that story by heart now and only wish for an opportunity to hear some good up-to-date chapel talks.

The Michigan Daily hands Hodson a neat little bouquet in the following: "A man who will be a likely candidate for athletic honors has appeared in the person of Chester Hodson from Pacific College, Oregon. He has a record of 50 seconds flat in the 440 yard dash and one of 2 minutes flat in the half mile. He also has shown ability in football, basket ball and baseball. He has had the benefit of some of the best athletic training obtainable in the minor colleges, having been coached on the gridiron for two years by Pierce the present Carlisle Indian coach."

It is gratifying to the board of managers to see a larger attendance this year than last. The prep department is especially well filled.

Frank Billington is not in school this year but can be found behind the counter in Meier & Franks in Portland.

Eunice Lewis, a former student of the college and a member of the graduating class of '07 of Penn College., took Mrs. Douglas' classes during her absence.

The usual reception to new students was given October 4 by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.. A very pleasant evening was spent in order to get acquainted. The students were required to talk to all and only those whose eyes were the color of their own and to use the familiar terms thou and thee in their conversation. The halls and association room were decorated in autumn leaves. Games were played and light refreshments were served during the evening.

Prof. Jones in Beginning Latin: "Floyd Parker, decline in latin 'the white dove.'" Floyd, "Whitac dova, whitac dovae, whitai dovai, whatam dovam, whita dova., etc."

The work of the Agoretton Club has been resumed again this year and already increased interest is being shown. The membership has been increased considerable over that of the past year. At the first regular meeting the following officers were elected to fill the executive staff: President, R. Lewis, vice president, J. Hollingsworth; E. Hadlock, secretary.

Athletics.

At its last meeting the State Basket Ball League

divided itself into two sections, the northern and the southern. The two sections are to play off their schedules independently of each other and the winners to play three games for the state championship. Pacific College is in the northern section with M. A. A. C. and Portland Y. M. C. A., and stands a good chance for winning first place.

Following is the schedule of the northern section:

M. A. A. C.	at	Y. M. C. A.	Dec. 13
P. C.	at	M. A. A. C.	Dec. 20
Y. M. C. A.	at	M. A. A. C.	Jan. 4
Y. M. C. A.	at	P. C.	Jan. 11
P. C.	at	Y. M. C. A.	Jan. 17
M. A. A. C.	at	P. C.	Jan. 25

Considerable interest has been stirred up by the "color league" and the Faculty team. So far the faculty have led with a clear record and with only one more game to play they stand a good show of winning out.

Standing of the teams:

	Won	Lost	
Faculty	4	0	1000
Reds	3	1	750
Blues	3	1	750
Yellow	1	2	333
Whites	1	3	250
Blacks	0	5	0

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